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Group No.: 3762

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1. Request for Reconsideration of Patent Term Adjustment Indicated in Notice of Allowance
2. Statement of the Correct Patent Term Adjustment
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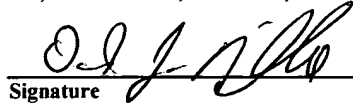
REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT  
INDICATED IN NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.705)

1. This request for reconsideration of the patent term adjustment indicated in the Notice of Allowance mailed on June 23, 2004.
2. Applicant submits herewith a "Statement of the Correct Patent Term Adjustment:  
Basis(es) Under § 1.702 For the Adjustment—Part B." (37 C.F.R. § 1.705(b)(2)(i) and (ii)).
3. Any patent granted on this application (37 C.F.R. § 1.705(b)(2)(iii)) is not subject to a terminal disclaimer.
4. As to circumstances during the prosecution of this application constituting a failure to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude processing or examination of this application as

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set forth in § 1.704 (37 C.F.R. § 1.705(b)(2)(iv)) there were three (3) days (37 C.F.R. § 1.705(b)(2)(iv)(B)).

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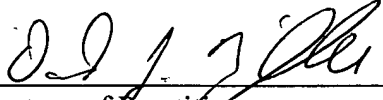
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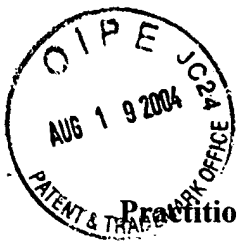
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Attached hereto is/are:

Statement of the Correct Patent Term Adjustment: Basis(es) Under § 1.702 For the Adjustment." (37 C.F.R. § 1.705(b)(2)(i) and (ii))--Part B.



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**Statement of the Correct Patent Term Adjustment:  
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1. This statement is being submitted in support of the "REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT INDICATED IN NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE" to which this statement is attached.

**37 C.F.R. § 1.705(b)(2)(i)**

2. The patent term adjustment shown on the Notice of Allowance is three hundred twenty-six (326) days.

Three hundred fifty four (354) days were charged against the USPTO and 28 days were charged against the applicant.

Applicant asserts that it is correct to charge the 354 days against the USPTO but it is not correct to charge 28 days against the applicant.

It is respectfully suggested that the correct patent term adjustment under § 1.702 is three hundred fifty-one (351) days, since only three (3) days should be charged against the applicant.

**37 C.F.R. § 1.705(b)(2)(ii)**

**3. The basis(es) on which applicant seeks adjustment are as follows:**

Adjustment should be made to the time period erroneously characterized as Applicant delay beginning April 28, 2002 and ending May 23, 2002.

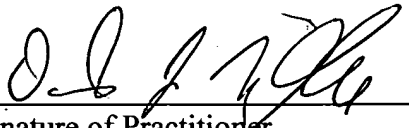
37 CFR 1.704 (b) states, "With respect to the grounds for adjustment set forth in §§ 1.702(a) through (e), and in particular the ground of adjustment set forth in § 1.702(b), an applicant shall be deemed to have failed to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude processing or examination of an application for the cumulative total of any periods of time in excess of three months that are taken to reply to any notice or action by the Office making any rejection, objection, argument, or other request, measuring such three-month period from the date the notice or action was mailed or given to the applicant, in which case the period of adjustment set forth in § 1.703 shall be reduced by the number of days, if any, beginning on the day after the date that is three months after the date of mailing or transmission of the Office communication notifying the applicant of the rejection, objection, argument, or other request and ending on the date the reply was filed. The period, or shortened statutory period, for reply that is set in the Office action or notice has no effect on the three-month period set forth in this paragraph."

**Basis:** The application was not considered complete by the Office for a total of twenty-five (25) days from the end of the three-month period (i.e., April 28, 2002), bringing the total amount of patent term adjustment to three hundred twenty-six (326) days, according to the Office (**see attached patent term adjustment history**). However, the missing parts were received in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on March 14, 2002 (along with an Assignment, an IDS, a preliminary amendment, a certified copy of German application, a clean copy of the specification, and a verified translation), within the 2-month period for reply as set by the Office and well within the 3-month period applicable for measuring patent term adjustment (**see attached transmittal sheet with the March 14, 2002 stamped date**). According to the Patent Term Adjustment History in PAIR, it appears that the missing parts were received by the Office on March 14, 2002. Applicant respectfully submits that it was improper for the Office to subtract these twenty-five (25) days from the patent term adjustment and that the correct amount of patent term adjustment should be given as three hundred fifty-one (351) days (i.e., 354 days – 3 days).

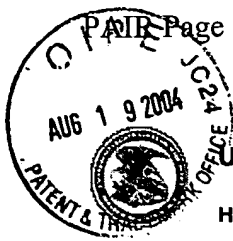
Respectfully submitted,

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Issue Date of Patent:	-	Three Years:	-
Pre-Issue Petitions (days):	+0	Applicant Delay (APPL):	28
Post-Issue Petitions (days):	+0	Total PTA:	326
USPTO Adjustment (days):	+0	Explanation of Calculations	

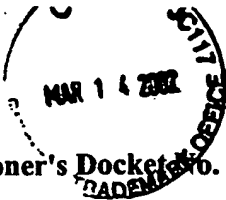
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06-22-2004	Issue Revision Completed		
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06-22-2004	Notice of Allowability		
05-26-2004	IFW TSS Processing by Tech Center Complete		
05-26-2004	Date Forwarded to Examiner		
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05-05-2004	Workflow incoming amendment IFW		↑
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10-14-2003	Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Filed	↑	
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COMPLETION OF FILING REQUIREMENTS  
— NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

I. This replies to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application (PTO-1533) mailed January 28, 2002.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a) and 1.10\*  
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